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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to be able to provide you the Life Care Planning Packet created by the Arizona Attorney General's Office. This Packet contains four legal forms that you can use to help you plan for the future. Using the forms in this packet, you may choose someone to make decisions for you, if you are unable to do so. You may also use the forms to appoint representatives to act for you under health care powers of attorney.

These forms can be very useful in making legally binding decisions regarding your future health care. Perhaps most importantly, the Life Care Packet allows you to make your friends and family aware of your choices and wishes.

Review this information carefully. If you decide that one or more of these forms will be helpful to you, fill out the form, have it witnessed as is required to conform to the law, and inform your loved ones and health care providers. The forms contain step-by-step instructions that are easy to follow. By completing the forms, you protect your rights and wishes and provide a valuable gift to your friends and family.

While these documents cover the medical and emergency care needs of most people, they do not fulfill all estate planning needs, especially for persons with substantial property. If you have questions about the disposition of your property on your death, or the care for your family or other loved ones, be sure to consult a qualified estate planning attorney.

My Office will continue to revise these materials so that we can give you as much assistance as possible. If you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact my Office directly at (602) 542-2124. These forms are also available on my Web site at www.ag.state.az.us under the heading Life Care Planning. Feel free to make as many copies as your family needs.

Sincerely,

Terry Goddard Arizona Attorney General